



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 99

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Substitute House Bill No. 5792

House of Representatives, March 19, 2009

The Committee on General Law reported through REP. SHAPIRO of the 144th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING EFFICIENCY STANDARDS FOR RESIDENTIAL AUTOMATIC LAWN SPRINKLER SYSTEMS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 29-265b of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2009*):

3 (a) Any state agency or commercial enterprise that begins
4 installation of an automatic lawn sprinkler system on or after October
5 1, 2003, shall equip such sprinkler system with a rain sensor device or
6 switch that will automatically override the irrigation cycle of such
7 sprinkler system when adequate rainfall has occurred.

8 (b) A municipality may, by ordinance adopted by its legislative
9 body, require that any automatic lawn sprinkler system, the
10 installation of which begins on or after October 1, 2003, shall be
11 equipped with a rain sensor device or switch that will automatically
12 override the irrigation cycle of such sprinkler system when adequate
13 rainfall has occurred.

- 14 (c) Any automatic lawn sprinkler system installed on residential
15 property on or after July 1, 2010, shall be equipped with a rain sensor
16 device or switch that will automatically override the irrigation cycle of
17 such sprinkler system when adequate rainfall has occurred.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2009	29-265b

GL *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 5792*****AN ACT CONCERNING EFFICIENCY STANDARDS FOR
RESIDENTIAL AUTOMATIC LAWN SPRINKLER SYSTEMS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill expands the mandate for installing cut-off switches on automatic lawn sprinklers. It requires any automatic lawn sprinkler installed on residential property on or after July 1, 2010 to be equipped with a rain sensor or device that automatically overrides the system when enough rainfall has occurred.

Current law requires any state agency or commercial enterprise installing an automatic lawn sprinkler system to equip it with a rain sensor device or override switch.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2009

COMMITTEE ACTION

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 18 Nay 0 (03/05/2009)